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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2003. Attached to this response is a Declaration from the inventor under 35 U.S.C. 1.131.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 12-14 under Section 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,146,423, issued November 14, 2000, to Cohen et al. on an application filed January 28, 1999. Claims 22-26 were rejected as unpatentable over the '423 patent in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,203,576, issued March 20, 2001, to Afriat et al. and having a Section 102(e) date of September 1, 1999.

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